

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 29th March 1963.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Fundamental Research Station

* 105 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to establish a fundamental research station for Post-graduates in engineering in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) A fundamental research station has already been started in the College of Engineering, Guindy, with a view to provide facilities for Post-graduate students to do research work.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, under what heads of engineering research has been provided?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A Special Officer has been appointed for collecting data on the items on which research should be done. He is contacting Universities both here and abroad to select the subjects in which research should be done.

South Arcot Electric Distribution Company

* 106 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the compensation amount has been paid to the South Arcot Electric Distribution Company; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes. Some of the claims have been paid.

(*b*) Some of the disputed claims are pending before the Arbitrator and some before the Court.

S.S.L.C. Examination

* 107 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rules for eligibility in the S.S.L.C. Examination for Secretarial Course were revised recently;

(*b*) whether any representations have been received from secondary schools in regard to large scale failure in S.S.L.C. Examination in March 1962; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) As the representations related to the new eligibility rules framed by the University of Madras, they were forwarded to the University for necessary action.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that a minimum has been insisted on in respect of each of the subjects and that that is why many students have failed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot state the causes for the failure of the students. But the University has framed certain rules under which a certain minimum must be obtained.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government pointed out to the University the reason for the failure and have they made any recommendation to the University?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have forwarded the representations to the University for necessary action.

Re-orientation training

*108 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the duration of re-orientation training given to elementary school teachers in the State; and

(*b*) the remuneration given to teachers during the period of training?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Six days in a spell or three days each in two spells.

(*b*) A daily allowance of Rs. 2 is paid to the teachers for the duration of the Seminar. Teachers attending the Seminar from places outside a radius of five miles from the centre are paid the actual conveyance charge admissible for the lowest class in a public conveyance. Teachers deputed from schools in the locality where the training is given are paid an allowance of Re. 1 per day.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are such days declared as holidays or are substitutes appointed for these posts?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think substitutes are appointed for this short period.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know if there is any phased programme for this purpose and how it is taken, whether taluk-wise, district-wise or simultaneously throughout the State?